Library Services

The university's Robert W. Van Houten Library is located in a facility for study, researching, and browsing. The library collection comprises 160,000 volumes of books, conference proceedings, reports, dissertations and theses. In addition, the library receives approximately 1,000 current technical journal titles in printed format and provides customized electronic access to over 10,000 journals in electronic format. Access to journal literature in engineering, science, management, architecture, and other subject areas is provided by a variety of indexing and abstracting services.

In Fall 1997 the Van Houten Library opened the Information Commons, which has many workstations with access to the Internet. CompendexWeb, Proquest Direct, EbscoHost, Scifinder Scholar, IEEEExplore, the ACM Digital Library and Medline are among the many databases that students, faculty and staff may search. These services may also be accessed remotely.

The library provides individualized reference services, literature searches, and instruction on the use of information resources. In addition, students may supplement NJIT library resources by borrowing material from the Newark Public Library and the libraries of Rutgers University--Newark Campus, the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, and the eight state colleges of New Jersey. Interlibrary loan arrangements with more distant institutions are also available.

Included among the library’s resources is a small museum containing items developed and manufactured by Edward Weston, a scientist, prolific inventor, and a founding member of the university’s Board of Trustees. Dr. Weston’s rare book collection is also maintained by the library and is available to scholars and other interested in the history of science and technology.

The Barbara and Leonard Littman Library (http://archlib.njit.edu), a department of the university’s Van Houten Library located in the College of Architecture and Design, maintains a core collection of architecture information materials including books, journals, maps, drawings, models and over 70,000 slides.

A team of highly trained information and research assistants, reference and instructional librarians bridge the gaps between research resources and users. They provide ad hoc assistance in person via the Research Helpdesk at the Van Houten Library and the service desk at the Littman Architecture Library, or by phone (973-596-3210 for Van Houten and 973-596-3083 for Littman), email, and instant messaging. The online library is available 24/7. More information about the library can be found at www.library.njit.edu (http://www.library.njit.edu) or by calling (973) 596-3210.